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LETTER TO A SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIER.

(BY A SOLDIER'S SISTER.)

THE following letter was written, to be forwarded with a package of Scriptures to the soldiers in Knoxville, East Tennessee. The Sunday-school at North Amherst, Ohio, of which the writer is a member, forwarded, with the letter, a contribution sufficient to meet the expense of the package. These words of love and sympathy come from the heart. They must touch many hearts. We shall, therefore, send a copy of the letter, with every package which the contributions of the benevolent will enable us, to those who are fighting the battles of our country.

BROWNHELM, O., February 20, 1864.

To a Sick and Wounded Soldier :

We have taken up a collection in our Sunday school to furnish a package of Testaments for our sick and wounded soldiers. I thought a letter accompanying them, might perhaps reach some one who may be longing to see "the loved ones at home," who would welcome this as one ray of sunshine to cheer him during the weary hours he must spend in camp or hospital. Or you may have a loved wife and dear little ones watching eagerly the mail, to know how soon you will be able to come home. Possibly you may have a dear good mother, and loving sisters and friends who write to you so often that you need not feel so very lonely. And then again I think it may be that my letter will chance to be read by some one who feels almost as it were entirely alone in this cold, heartless world. You do not hail the mail with joy ; for it brings no letter from home or friends for you.

Oh, do not feel so. You are not forgotten. We are doing a great deal for you. Through our Aid Societies, the Sanitary and the Christian Commissions, and in other ways we are doing what we can, though we fear all has not reached the *sick*, for whom it was intended.

You have, doubtless, heard of our Sanitary Fairs. The proceeds are all given for the benefit of our sick and wounded soldiers. A large one is to be held at Cleveland. It will commence on the 22d of this month, and will continue two weeks or longer. If you could only see the busy fingers all over Northern Ohio, preparing articles for this Fair, you would then know how anxious we feel that you should be as comfortable as possible.

Perhaps I feel more sympathy for you than some others, for this reason—I have a dear brother in the Hospital at Knoxville, Tennessee.

But I am anxious to know if you love Jesus. Oh, He is so good. He loved us so much that he was willing to die for us that we might live with Him in heaven. And when we die we all want to go there and see Him ; for we want to be happy.

My dear soldier friend, I hope that, before this, you have found that blessed Savior precious, that His love and presence is your delight, and that you are trying to lead other soldiers around you to Jesus.

If you are not a Christian now, you want to be, don't you? Please read this little book—this portion of the New Testament—for my sake, won't you? It was printed especially for you. And when you are able to write, I would like to have you answer this letter, and tell me all about it. My Post-Office address is Brownhelm, Lorain County, Ohio.

Your true friend,

EMILY L. MORSE.

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